

DEMOCRATS CAUCUS.

Will Keep Seigniorage Bill Before House,

Until It is Finally Disposed Of.

NEW YORKERS ABSENT.

Some Want Speaker to Count a Quorum.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 20.—The filibuster over the silver bill in the house continued until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when an adjournment was had to give the Democrats a chance to consider the situation in caucus. After the transaction of some routine business Mr. Bland moved to go into the committee of the whole on the seigniorage bill, and pending that moved that all general debate be closed, and on that motion demanded the previous question. The yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Tracy, Democrat of New York, and, repeating their former tactics, the Democratic and Republican opponents of the measure sat silent and refused to vote. The vote resulted 171 to 4, two short of a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Bland a call of the house was made. The call developed the presence of 361 members, and the vote again recurred on Mr. Bland's motion.

Before the clerk began calling the roll, Mr. Walker, Republican, of Massachusetts suggested that, as it was evident a quorum could not be obtained in the debate, that the motion be withdrawn and the debate be allowed to continue.

Mr. Bland declared he had offered no very reasonable limit to the debate if an agreement could be reached to allow the vote on the passage of the bill to be taken without filibustering, but he submitted that it was not fair for opponents of the bill to ask for indefinite debates and then filibuster when the time came for taking the vote. He should persist until it was fully demonstrated to a majority of the house was opposed to the measure.

After this interruption the clerk proceeded with the roll call. The motion again failed for lack of a quorum—150 to 0—a loss of twenty-five votes compared with the preceding roll call. Another call of the house and the elusive quorum reappeared. A roll call on Mr. Bland's motion followed and resulted in 152—this time twenty-five short of a quorum. Again, on motion of Mr. Bland, a call of the house was ordered.

During the call of the house, the president's executive clerk appeared with the Hawaiian correspondence which was received and placed at the speaker's desk.

Mr. Tracy, purposing the filibustering program, moved that when the house adjourned, it be so met on Wednesday. The point of order was raised that pending proceedings under the call, a motion to fix a time for adjournment was not in order. After some debate, the chair sustained the point of order.

The Republican and Democratic opponents of the seigniorage bill then refused to vote on the demand for the previous question on Mr. Bland's resolution to arrest absences, and it resulted 123 to 8. The point of no quorum was made, but the consent of the chair, Mr. Dockery, ruled that a quorum was not necessary.

The motion returned on the adoption of the resolution, which resulted 116 to nothing. Mr. Reed made the point of no quorum and in the midst of some excitement, explained that, in his opinion, it required a quorum to pass a resolution whose execution lay beyond the adjournment. After an exchange of blows between Mr. Reed and Mr. Hale, the chair overruled the point of order and declared the resolution carried.

Thereupon Mr. Bland moved to adjourn, and upon the announcement of the adjournment the clerk read the call for a Democratic caucus immediately, but the announcement was greeted with Republican jeers.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Senator Daniel Defends the President's Hawaiian Policy.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 20.—When the senate met yesterday Mr. Sherman, Republican of Ohio, who has been ill for several days, was again in his seat.

Senator Hale presented a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the committee on printing to examine into all the facts and circumstances connected with the claim of the National Lithographic company of Washington, D. C., for the publication of the patent office Gazette. This resolution was incited by a publication suggesting irregularities in letting the contract.

The house bill fixing the limit of the indebtedness of Salt Lake, U. T., was taken up and passed.

The Hawaiian resolution was then called up and Senator Bland, Democrat, Va., took the floor in support of the resolution. He said that when President Cleveland was inaugurated he said that Minister Stevens had claimed himself protector of the islands of Hawaii and had taken possession of the islands with American military forces and had hoisted the American flag over the territory. By this act of the American minister, President Cleveland, when he came into power as protector of the Hawaiian Islands and by operation of the law, was commander-in-chief of our forces there and the responsible authority to which the nations of the earth would be bound to address themselves.

The president was fully within his constitutional warrant in all he had done. He had at the beginning done two things which seemed fitting to be done. He had withdrawn the pending treaty, and had designated Mr. James H. Blount, a statesman of high

character, to go to the theater of action and ascertain and report to him the true condition of things. The appointment of Mr. Blount was fully within the scope of the president's power. When the secretary was informed that President Cleveland did only his duty, General George said Mr. Daniel, called Mr. Blount a spy, with all the jibomony attached to the term. There was no secret about his appointment. But if Mr. Blount was a spy, then Minister Stevens, inasmuch as he assisted Mr. Blount in his investigations, was an assistant spy.

Mr. Daniel reviewed the events attending the revolution of January 14, 1893, to show that Mr. Stevens, who had only that day returned to Honolulu, was a potent factor in it.

At 2:30, on motion of Senator Gaffey, Democrat of Louisiana, the senate went into executive session. Upon re-opening the doors of the senate a general conference on the Oklahoma railroad bill was agreed to, and Messrs. Berry, Democrat of Arkansas; Blackburn, Democrat of Kentucky; and Pettigrew, Republican of South Dakota, were appointed conferees on the part of the senate. The senate adjourned.

REPORTING THE TARIFF BILL.

Delayed Another Day on Account of the Sugar and Metal Schedule.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 20.—After debating the point among themselves all day, the Democratic members of the senate sub-committee on finance agreed yesterday not to report the tariff bill to the full committee to-day. There was a time during the day when it looked as if they would certainly report according to the plan of the bill before the house to the exclusion of everything still disposed of and the other opposing it at the sense of the census bill, but the date of every Democratic member to present the bill either for or against the bill. The only difference of opinion existing was as to the advisability of going further than this and compelling members to vote or be counted if they refuse to do so.

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Shelby and Walker Favorably Reported.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 20.—Favorable reports were made to the senators in executive session on both the nominations of John R. Walker, for district attorney of the Western Missouri district, and Jo Shelby, for marshal.

Jumped Through a Window.

WICHITA, Kan. Feb. 20.—A fugitive calling himself "Kid" McCay, escaped from a Pittsburg, Kan., constable by jumping through a lunch counter window while handcuffed. He was arrested here on the charge of grand larceny committed at Pittsburg. At the time of his arrest he was preparing for a short fight with a constable here, He made a vicious fight on the officers.

Held Without Bail.

WEST PLAINS, Mo. Feb. 20.—G. W. Brittain, the Benton township constable who is charged with killing Charles Anderson, had his preliminary trial, waived examination and was sent to jail without bail to await the action of the grand jury. His mother was released.

NEWS NOTES.

F. M. Potter, a ferrymen, was stabbed to death at Little Rock, Ark., by Louis Morris, his colleague man.

The Paris Gaulois asserts the British government has decided to propose to the powers the passage of international legislation in regard to police supervision, etc., with the view of suppressing anarchy.

Examining Judge Meyer is said to have discovered, through letters which were seized at Anarchist Henry's lodgings in Paris, valuable information which will lead to breaking up the anarchist organization.

Matthew Ashton, convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Wisconsin penitentiary, died in the Dane county jail of small-pox.

Valentine Kiefer, a wealthy business man of Indianapolis, Ind., has disappeared, taking with him \$16,000 in cash and his two children. A woman not his wife also accompanied him.

Dr. M. B. Davis, whose death occurred at Reason, Morgan County, Ohio, Thursday evening, has left a letter showing that he had forged notes for large sums and committed suicide to escape the penitentiary.

Archbishop J. P. Sisoncupo of the Roman Catholic diocese of New Mexico, which includes Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, has resigned and his coadjutor, Dr. P. L. Chappelle, succeeds him the resignation having been accepted at Rome.

The house committee on private pensions has been very conservative in its action, recommending but a few deserving cases for action, most of them relatives of veterans of the Revolution and war of 1812, or Mexican war veterans.

The house committee on post-offices has resumed consideration of the proposed plan to make separate appropriations for the two largest offices in the country, from which they account of the entire receipt of the 62,403 post-offices are received.

The million dollar hotel at Middlebury, Vt., constructed there a few years since in the palmy days of the "Magic City," is advertised by the receiver for sale on March 12.

An accident occurred at Coffey, Cal., resulting in the drowning of Mrs. F. J. Adair and Mr. Donaldson. They were crossing a swollen stream on the lower Hill Road, as they were crossing their wagon was overturned and they were drowned.

In a panic on a cable train at Chicago Henry Sheldon, a wealthy hardware manufacturer, was killed in the Michigan street tunnel. The car upon which Mr. Sheldon was riding stopped suddenly, and the car ran down the incline at a terrific rate. It jumped and was killed. None of the other passengers were seriously hurt.

DUCK AS OXEN.

Anti-Silver Members Sit Silent in Their Seats

When the Previous Question is Called

ON BLAND'S BILL.

Filibusters Have Things Their Own Way.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 20.—The success of the filibuster against the Bland silver bill, which has blocked proceedings in the house for five days, yesterday forced the Democratic advocates of the measure to invoke the decree of a caucus, and immediately after the adjournment a Democratic caucus was held in the hall of the house to consider the situation. There were present 130 Democrats, but not a Democratic member of the New York delegation, all of whom have joined in the obstructive movement, was present nor in fact any of the others who joined hands with them. The presence, however, of Mr. Tracy, the Colorado Populist, was significant. The sentiment in the caucus, therefore, was all favorable to the bill, and two resolutions were adopted, one to keep the seigniorage bill before the house to the exclusion of everything still disposed of and the other expressing it at the sense of the census bill, and the date of every Democratic member to present the bill either for or against the bill. The only difference of opinion existing was as to the advisability of going further than this and compelling members to vote or be counted if they refuse to do so.

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Iowa Banks Robbed.

Burglars Rob Two Banks in Attono Cracking the Safe.

CASPER, Iowa. Feb. 20.—The Afton and Citizen's bank of Afton, were cracked by burglars last night. The robbers secured an entrance by blowing off the back door with glycerine, but made no impression on the chilled steel burglar-proof safe where the money was kept.

The only plunder secured was \$1,000 in postage stamps taken from the Afton bank. One hundred and fifty dollars worth of the stamps were recovered, where they had been dropped by the purifiers at the west end of the switch yard. The safe in the Afton bank was damaged so that the door can not be opened.

SAVAGERY OF SOFAS.

They Are in the Habit of Botching Entire Towns.

LONDON. Feb. 20.—A correspondent describing the march of the expedition under Col. Ellis against the Sofas in Sierra Leone, and the engagement between the French and British troops near Warina, gives horrible details of the Sofas slave raids. In some cases entire towns have been wiped out and their inhabitants butchered and scattered.

The once thriving town of Teklívuma, which a few months ago had 3,000 inhabitants, is now a scene of desolation.

All the houses are in ashes and the heads and mangled trunks of men, women and children are lying heaped amid the ruins. The stench arising from these mounds of decaying flesh was horrible.

The route taken by the Sofas will, the declaration of Mr. Tracy, indicate that it will be bound by his action. Mr. Tracy, however, asserts now that even if the bill is brought to a vote it will be beaten. His opinion is not shared by the Democratic house leaders, who still allow the passage of the bill is only a question of time. They expect twenty-two Republican votes, and with a full Democratic attendance the Democrats, which would give them a margin of twelve over a quorum.

CAST OFF HIS WHITE WIFE.

Chaska, Who Married a White Woman, Sleeps with a Sioux Squaw.

YANKEE, N. D. Feb. 20.—Mrs. Chaska, nee Cora Flower, who was married at Cheyenne City agency three years ago to a Sioux, Simeon, named Chaska, or Samuel Campbell, is now living apart from him in a small town in Southern Nebraska. Several months ago Chaska and his family went to reside on the Sioux reservation, a short distance up the river from Yankton, that they might enjoy the fruits of Chaska's Indianhood. Chaska is a Sioux Indian, and in company with his children receives a government subsidy every three months. After two months of life on the reservation Chaska suddenly disappeared and it was discovered that he had eloped with a young and buxom squaw, Mrs. Chaska, after waiting for his return for weeks, left the reservation with her half-breed children, vowing she would never live with Chaska again. Two weeks after she left Chaska returned to the agency, and is now living there with the woman who accompanied him in the elopement.

Suspended Publication.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. Feb. 20.—The Sedalia Evening Review, edited by J. West Goodwin, suspended publication yesterday for the second time. For seven weeks past he has been laid up with a fractured hip, the result of an assault by Dr. Wood, owner of the opera house, whom Goodwin had criticized in his paper. It is claimed Goodwin's attempt to get his doctor brought about the suspension, but Goodwin's friends say it is only part of a scheme to bring suit for large personal damages for the assault of six weeks ago.

Show His Brother Dead.

GUTHRIE, Okla. Feb. 20.—Henry Stiles, aged 30, killed his brother Jasper, aged 20, at Omega, Blaine County, forty-five miles west of here. They quarreled over the sale of a \$15 pony, when Henry pulled a revolver and shot Jasper staggered toward the door of his father's house, saying, "Now you have done it" and fell on the door step dead. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of malicious murder. Henry is in custody. The family run a hotel at Omega.

Not After a Dark Divorce.

NEW YORK. Feb. 20.—At the office of J. W. Mackay, Jr., it was denied that the Clarendon Divorce intended going to South Dakota to apply for a divorce from her husband. She continues to occupy her brother's apartments in the Belgravian flats and, it is said, is constantly advised of her husband's movements.

Clara Howard Disappears.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Feb. 20.—An additional sensation was added to the double murder of wife and child by Arthur Dunstrow by the discovery that one of the chief witnesses for the state has fled. Clara Howard, Dunstrow's mistress, by whose story it was hoped to prove premeditation was suspended.

Charles Keeler on Behalf of the Morning Transcript and Leslie Coombs on Behalf of the Transcript.

LEXINGTON, Ky. Feb. 20.—A special grand jury was convened yesterday on account of the prospective duel between the editors of the *Lexington Standard* and the *Transcript*. Meantime, Cross men have chosen Leslie Coombs and Transcript people Charles Keeler to represent them in conference. Young Duncan was sentenced to fine and jail for carrying concealed weapons, but judgment was suspended.

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Joe Hardin Resigned.

CARLISLE, Ill. Feb. 20.—Joe Hardin, the Centralia robbery, has escaped from the prison here. Hardin was serving a twenty year sentence for an attempt at mail robbery at Centralia, Ill., last September.

OUGHT TO FEEL GOOD.

Highway Language by the Kaiser for Complaints of the Brandenburg Victims.

WILHELMSHAVEN, Feb. 20.—Emperor William and Prince Henry of Prussia arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning.

The streets were decorated with flags and the route from the railroad station to the drill grounds was lined with marines who loudly cheered.

The emperor in the drill hall addressed the engineering workers, etc., who were there assembled, and addressed professed sympathy with the citizens which had suffered the consequences of the Brandenburg.

"My eye observes not only what passes above, but what passes below decks. If the engineer staff admires the best of nations continues to display the same 'gang frost' and devotion to duty, it may always be sure of special gratitude."

Color Line in L. A. W.

EDGEMERE, Ky. Feb. 20.—The League of American Wheelmen in their second day's session today, without discussion, passed the amendment inserting the word "white" by a vote of 127 to 34.

Asked to Resign.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 20.—H. H. Smith, assistant register of the treasury, has resigned by request. It is said that Mr. L. Wilbur Reed of Alexandria, Va., will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

BIG INDIAN CONFERENCE.

International Council of the Five Tribes Convenes in Checotah.

CHECOTAH, Ind. Feb. 20.—Yesterday there convened in Checotah the most important meeting ever held in the Indian territory. It is the international council of the five tribes of Indians, which has convened to hear the proposition of the Dawes commission for the allotment of land and one common territorial government. It is a gathering of the giant intellects of the Indian territory. It is a gathering of superior Indian statesmen to consider the greatest issue that has presented itself to them.

There is unanimous opposition to a change in the ranks of the delegates, and that unanimity extends to the people in the council. All of the five tribes were represented except the Seminoles. The Osage and Ponca delegations were admitted to